GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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POPULARITY OF FOOTBALL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

the steps being taken by the Government to popularise football on the lines of cricket?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

The Government supplements the efforts of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) in promotion of the game of football. This is by way of financial assistance for foreign exposure; holding of National Championships at sub-junior, junior and senior level; organization of international tournaments in India; coaching/training of promising footballers in camps and by providing requisite technical and scientific back-up under various schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India. In addition, Government provides financial assistance to schools, colleges, universities, voluntary organizations and State/UT Governments for construction of play-fields including for football.